

ELIZABETH C. WAY.

APRIL 20, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MIERS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 5191.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5191) granting an increase of pension to Elizabeth C. Way, have examined the same and adopt the Senate report thereon and recommend that the bill do pass.

[Senate Report No. 1989, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5191) granting an increase of pension to Elizabeth C. Way, have examined the same and report.

It is proposed by this bill to increase from \$25 to \$30 per month the pension of Elizabeth C. Way, widow of William B. Way, late major and lieutenant-colonel Ninth Regiment Michigan Volunteer Cavalry.

A statement of this officer's service, as furnished by the War Department, is as follows:

RECORD AND PENSION OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, March 31, 1904.

SIR: Referring to your letter of yesterday, received to-day, in which you request to be furnished, for the use of the Committee on Pensions, United States Senate, in connection with Senate bill 5191, with a statement of the military record of William B. Way as first lieutenant and captain Company C, First Michigan Cavalry, and major and colonel Ninth Michigan Cavalry, I have the honor to inform you as follows:

It is shown by the records that William B. Way, jr., was mustered into service at Detroit, Mich., as first lieutenant in Captain Fisher's company (C), First Michigan Cavalry Volunteers, September 4, 1861, to serve three years, and he is reported present on the rolls of the company to August 31, 1862. He was mustered into service as captain, same organization, to date October 10, 1862, at Washington, D. C., and was mustered out of service at the same place as of said grade and organization, to date November 12, 1862.

It is also shown by the records that William B. Way was mustered into service as major, Ninth Michigan Cavalry Volunteers, May 19, 1863, to date March 12, 1863, to serve three years, and he is reported present on the rolls of the field and staff of the organization to October 31, 1863. The roll dated December 31, 1863, shows him

"absent, procuring conscripts in Michigan. Detailed by order of General Burnside November 2." The rolls dated February 29, 1864, and April 30, 1864, do not show his presence or absence, but the roll dated June 30, 1864, shows him present. He was mustered into service as lieutenant-colonel same regiment July 2, 1864, at Lexington, Ky., and is reported on the rolls of the field and staff of the regiment mentioned as follows: August 31, 1864, presence or absence not stated; April 30, 1865, present; June 30, 1865, absent on leave in Michigan since June 23, 1865. He was mustered out and honorably discharged the service at Lexington, N. C., with the field and staff, Ninth Michigan Cavalry Volunteers, July 21, 1865, while holding the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

No medical treatment in his case has been found of record.

Very respectfully,

F. C. AINSWORTH,
Chief Record and Pension Office.

The CLERK COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS,
United States Senate.

Colonel Way died April 7, 1882, of disease incurred in service while holding the rank of major, and his widow, Elizabeth C. Way, the claimant under this bill, is now receiving a general-law pension of \$25 per month. She was married to the officer January 15, 1857, and is now 63 years of age.

Your committee is reliably informed that Mrs. Way has no income besides her pension. To maintain herself she keeps a small number of boarders, and also receives financial assistance from relatives. The bill proposes a small increase of pension to \$30 per month, and in view of all the facts your committee are of opinion that this rate may very properly be provided.

The bill is therefore reported back favorably with a recommendation that it pass when amended as follows:

In line 6, after the word "late," strike out the word "colonel" and insert in lieu thereof the words "major and lieutenant-colonel."

O